

HOUSE BILL 651
By Cochran

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1305, relative to possession of firearms in certain establishments where alcoholic beverages are served.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1305, is amended by adding a new subsection thereto, as follows:

(d)

(1) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not apply to restaurants. For the purposes of this part, "restaurant" means any public place kept, used, maintained, advertised and held out to the public as a place where meals are served and where meals are actually and regularly served, without sleeping accommodations, such place being provided with adequate and sanitary kitchen and dining room equipment and seating capacity of at least twenty-five (25) people at tables, having employed therein a sufficient number and kind of employees to prepare, cook and serve suitable food for its guests.

(2) A restaurant may prohibit the possession of weapons on property owned, operated, managed or under the control of such restaurant. Notice of the prohibition of weapons by a restaurant shall be posted pursuant to § 39-17-1359.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.